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you go to the PSC before you build a pipe. And the PSC makes a rational decision. Tell me how many people out in the lobby have called you out to say those are fair ideas. How many have called you out and said, you know, that's a legitimate middle ground? No. We're back to the gas wars. Don't do anything. No. We're back to the gas wars. Don't do anything. Can't think of a thing. Give us more time. It's ungermane. And, no, this doesn't do good enough. This isn't fair. breaking a pledge and I feel bad about this because I said last year to all parties, look, this one remaining issue I'm going to be silent on and let everybody else solve. I've been a neutral all this long time. I don't want to use that for this situation. Solve it next year (inaudible). But you know what? At the end of this year we have an overreaching bill from one side, silence from another, and we have facilities that are being built and ripped out at the cost of people who are paying for natural gas so that people can build facilities to get ripped out because it's not logical. I got to tell you I'm breaking what I said was my public posture which was to be totally neutral. And by the way, I am neutral. Nobody likes this idea. It's not good enough for MUD. MUD wants nothing. They want to keep doing what they're doing. They want to be able to build something and then later on if they get told that it's wrong, rip it out and charge their customers for their mistake. Not good enough. Aquila doesn't want this. wants to make sure that there's no way that Hastings can grow, to lack land and take over that system.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: They want to make sure that they choke Hastings and don't let them grow. My point is that, you know what, with 25 days left, and the fact is that the system we did last year had a very good beginning, but there's this piece that's left, it frustrates me badly. I'm going to turn my light on here in a moment. I'd be happy...when I'm called on next, I will ask to withdraw this amendment. I'm serious abut it. I think it's fair. And I think everybody should be challenged to come up with better language than this before Select File. And all the people that are telling you, oh gosh, we can't think of a thing, should be put on the spot. And the reason is the lobby will not solve this problem; and if we trust them, it won't happen. We